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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

-3. (Amended) A combustion method according to claim 1, wherein said combustion air is formed into a jet flow which is flat and has a thin radial thickness as a whole.